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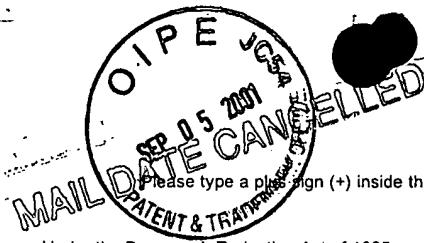
In response to the final Office Action dated July 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants traverse and request reconsideration.

The final Office Action reiterated the previous rejections, namely that Claims 1-4, 6, 8-18, 20-24 and 26 are obvious in view of Lewis and Ellison. The Response to Arguments set forth in the Final Office Action, although an apparent attempt to clarify the Examiner's position, instead appears to make the Examiner's position cloudier. For example, the Response to Arguments admits a misinterpretation that likely stemmed from the Examiner's explanation of Ellison. The Examiner further states that the Examiner's explanation of Ellison is by no means the "only environment to which Ellison's teachings are applicable". However, the Office Action does not indicate which teachings of Ellison the Examiner is referring to, hence this does not

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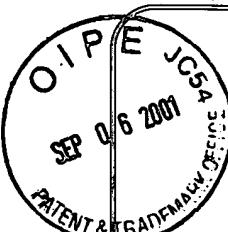


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